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FOREIGN NEWS ON CITRUS FRUIT

CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION IN THE PROVINCE OF MALAGA

This year's lemon crop in the Province of Malaga is estimated to be about the same as that of last year, or approximately 130,000 boxes, according to Consul Austin C. Brady at Malaga in a report received in the Department of Agriculture. Estimates of the crop of sweet oranges range from 55,000 to 60,000 boxes, compared with the production of 50,000 boxes in 1924. The production of sour oranges, however, will be smaller than last year, with present estimates ranging from 75,000 to 80,000 boxes, compared with 95,000 last year. Prices this year are expected to be about the same as last.

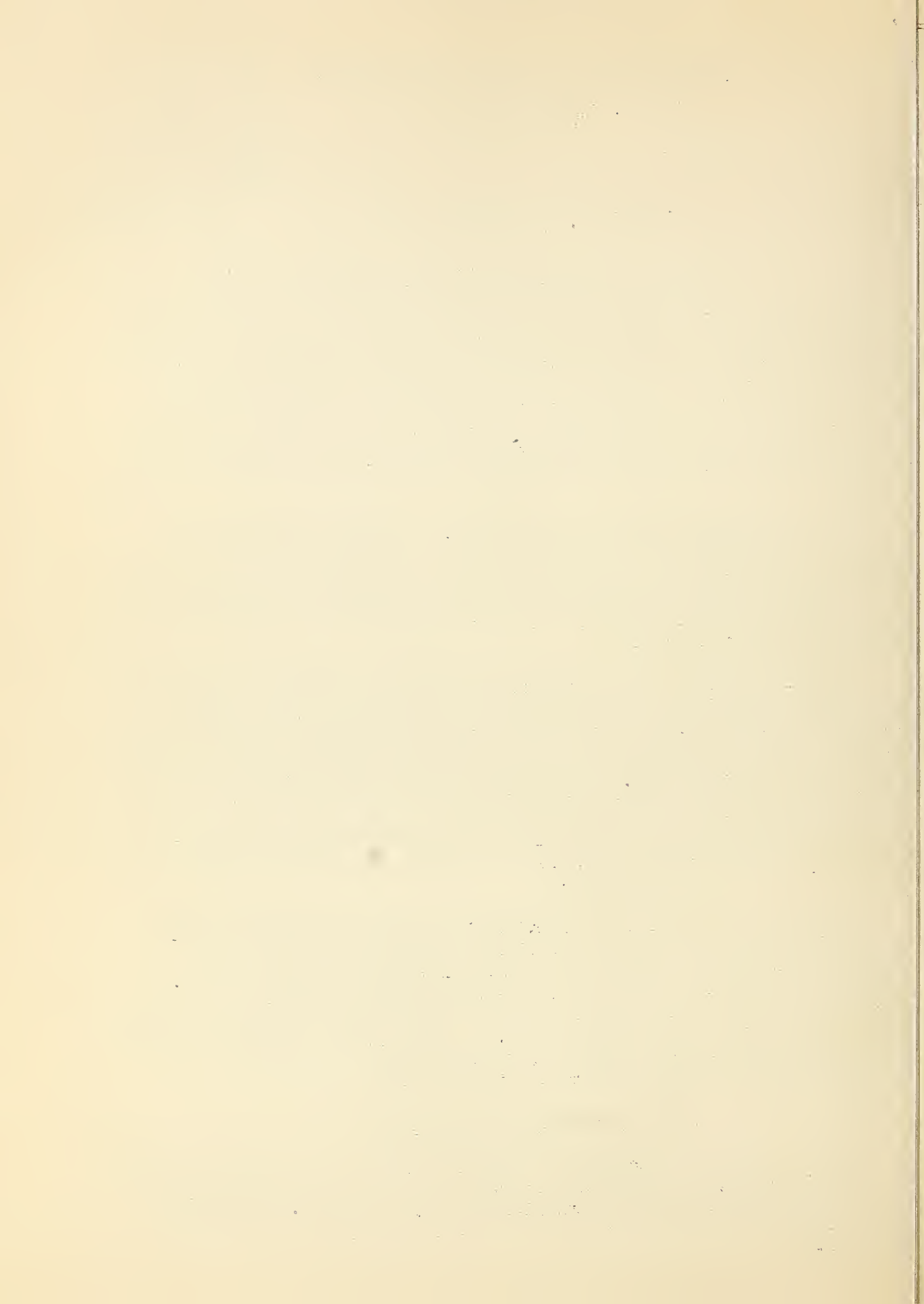
Lemon exports started about September 1, and will continue into December. The heaviest shipments usually occur in September and October. Shipments of sweet oranges begin about October 1 and end during the first half of December. Sour oranges start to move to British marmalade factories during the latter half of November, and heavy shipments continue through December, January and February.

Malaga sweet oranges are not able to compete successfully with the sweet oranges exported from the Province of Valencia, chiefly because a riper, better selected and more carefully packed product is shipped from Valencia. Malaga oranges, however, are a few weeks earlier than those from Valencia, and the best prices are obtained before the Valencia crop reaches British and Continental markets. Good prices for Malaga lemons, likewise, depend upon the fruit reaching foreign markets ahead of the Italian crop, as it invariably does, the Malaga product being in condition to export a month to two months earlier than Italian lemons. Both Malaga oranges and lemons are picked and shipped green.

Official statistics for the Province of Malaga, compiled in 1923, showed 349,610 orange trees, and 219,870 lemon trees. Production of oranges was estimated at 17,300 short tons, and lemon production was estimated at 9,675 tons. Exports from Malaga during the export season ended February 1925, totaled 99,010 boxes of lemons, 42,739 boxes of sweet oranges, and 81,198 boxes of sour oranges. About 73,000 boxes of the lemons exported went to Great Britain, and 10,500 to Germany. Practically all of the oranges exported were shipped to Great Britain.

THE SICILIAN WINTER LEMON CROP

The first of the "primofiore" crop of lemons will be ready for picking early in November, according to a report just received in the Department of Agriculture, from Vice Consul Alexander P. Cruger, Messina. The crop, according to previous reports, is expected to be about 15 per cent below normal.



Stocks of Verdelli lemons were practically exhausted early in October. The demand for Verdellis has been brisk for the better grades, with London and Hamburg taking the bulk of the shipments, which amounted to 28,356 cases between the 1st and 26th of September, compared with 29,000 cases for the month of August. Shipments to New York during the September period reported, amounted to 5,362 cases, or more than twice the August shipments.

Exports of lemons from Messina during the 3rd quarter of 1925, were valued at only \$88,500, compared with \$216,168 during the corresponding quarter of 1924, according to Consul Dawson.

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